



# **John M West Squadron 408 Sons of the American Legion Derby-Haysville Kansas**

## **Meeting Minutes Feb 16th, 2025**

### **I. Call to Order**

Commander Michael Saindon called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

### **II. Roll Call**

4 officers, 16 members and 1 guests were present.

Commander	Michael Saindon	Present
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Brad Barton	Absent
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Greg Lawless	Absent
Adjutant/Finance	Brian Simpson	Present
Sgt/Arms	Mitch Hansen	Present
Sgt/Arms	Nick Engle	Present
Chaplain	Mike Bulger	Absent
Judge Adv	Michael Saindon	Present

### **III. Minutes From The Previous Meeting**

Motion made to forgo reading of the minutes as they were posted on internet.

Brian Simpson Made motion

second John McCullough discussion

Motion passed

### **IV. Introduction of Guests and New Members**

Guests: 5th District SAL Commander Dan McDowell

New Members:

Aazal Westerman

Scott Seiwert

John McCullough made a motion to accept new members. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Rotramel

Motion passed.

Welcome to SAL 408

## **VI. Committee Reports**

Membership We are at 116 pd members out of 109 from last year 106.4% Great job.

Please note that if you have not renewed, you may be required to fill out a new membership form and lose your continuous years status. This has been the change from National

## **VII. Finance Report**

Brian Simpson read the financial report,

Motion to accept John McCullough

Second Dale Rotramel

Motion passed

## **VIII. Service Officer Report/ Sick Call**

## **IX. Unfinished Business**

SAL dinner Dates for 2025

May 29<sup>th</sup> Mexican night the Lawless family

July 31<sup>st</sup> Breakfast for supper

Oct 30<sup>th</sup> ???????

We do need help at all events. Please come and help out your squadron 408 SAL

Greg Lawless spoke on doing an 80's theme party with AUX in near future.

Greg was not present to discuss

Still doing fundraisers RADA Cutlery online Red Friday t-shirts ( a few left)

Ballcaps a few left Texas Hold'em Wednesdays @ 6:30pm Winter tournament

March 12<sup>th</sup> at Noon

## **X. New Business**

Pancake feed March 1<sup>st</sup> at post with City of Derby. Contact Rhonda Hundley if you can help. She is making a list of positions so to help with congestion. It is from 8am – 10:30am Helper be there by 7:30am

American Legion birthday party March 15<sup>th</sup> This is potluck bring a dish and deserts This is where we acknowledge our members and Police, Fire and EMS

Michael Saindon spoke about changing the meeting time back to the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month. Bryan LaCount made a motion to move the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month at 1pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by John McCullough Motion passed

Nominations for 2025-2026 SAL year

Commander Michael Saindon

1<sup>st</sup> Vice

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Greg Lawless

Adjutant/Finance Brian Simpson

SGT/Arms Mitch Hansen

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We will have final nominations and elections at the next meeting April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Please plan to attend to cast your vote or nominations. We need everyone to step up and show up. Thank you

5th district E-Board meeting March 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 1pm Post 136 all are welcome to attend. Please do attend and see what the 5<sup>th</sup> District is doing.

5<sup>th</sup> District Convention in McPherson post 24 March 29<sup>th</sup>

American Legion Family Post 408 having open house to public as to fall in line with National open house April 26<sup>th</sup> SAL asked to have a booth and games set up. This is to let the community know more about us and what we do.

Mother's Day breakfast May 11<sup>th</sup> 8am-11:30am. Mothers eat free. Brian Simpson is the contact for this event and asks everyone to come and help out. It was greatly appreciated for all the help last time.

Michael Saindon spoke on the Pat Kitterman Scholarship. I would like to make it an earmark and do this annually. Dale Rotramel made a motion to move forward with yearly donation and earmark. John McCullough second. Motion passed.

Detachment Convention May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup> in Topeka. More to come

The Legion leadership college will be that weekend. More to come. They will have an SAL breakout class this year.

Next Raffle is June 16<sup>th</sup>- July 31<sup>st</sup>. Need ideas since AUX is doing meat raffle right before us. Have some ideas next meeting.

The BOG is raising the fee from 10% to 15% starting March 1<sup>st</sup>. They will have a sliding scale up to 20% More to come

No Meeting in March since we are starting the move to 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month. Michael Saindon will get this changed in the BOG event calendar

XI. **For the good of the Sons of the American Legion**

**Next meeting will be April 6th @ 1:00pm**

XII. **Adjourned**

Commander Michael Saindon adjourned the meeting at 1:52 pm.